

### **REMARKS**

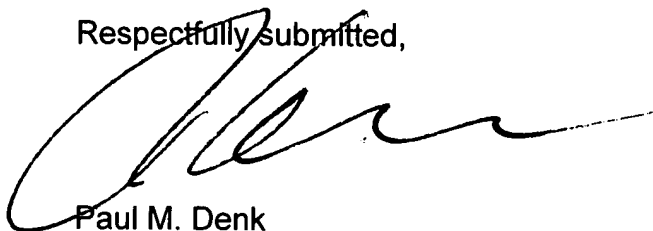
The Applicant has reviewed the claims of this application, and the prior art patent to Remmers, No. 5,351,842, as cited and relied upon by the examiner. The examiner states that Remmers anticipates the claims and subject matter of this invention.

The claims of this application have been substantially amended, and focused more accurately upon the structure of this invention. More specifically, it is desirable to view the title of this invention, as being a "Symmetrically" Designed Snap on Shelf. That it is symmetrical, this means that the wire shelf itself is structured so that both its front edge and back edge are of a same design, having the same shape, angular relationship, appearance, and the space between the longitudinal rods, so that either the front of the shelf, or the rear of the shelf, can function in place of one another. In this manner, when the shelf is being installed upon the brackets, one does not have to give consideration as to which is the front edge of the shelf, or what is the back edge of the shelf, because either way, the shelf can be snapped into engagement within grooves 16, 17, or 19 and 20, regardless whether the shelf is arranged to either the front or the back, because the shelf is of a symmetrically design, as identified in the title of this invention.

As can be seen from FIG. 9 of Remmers, it can not be applied in this manner. Remmers has only one way it can be installed, upon its brace leg member 62, and that is the portion comprising the front curved shelf lip 36, must always be applied to the front, whereas the angels straight rear lip 44, must always be applied to the back of the shown leg members. Hence, Remmers's shelf is not symmetrically designed, as called for, for this particular invention, and as claimed herein.

The examiner's further review of the amended claims of this application would be appreciated, in view of the amendments made herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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